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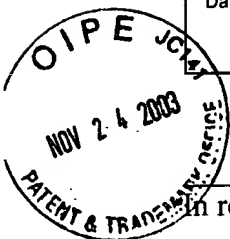
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:

WHALEN, Thomas J., et al.

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.121)**

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Dear Sir:

On September 26, 2003, applicants timely filed a Response to Official Action mailed on March 26, 2003 together with a three (3) month Extension of Time. On October 30, 2003, the Examiner mailed a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, stating that Claims 40-55 were marked with the wrong status identifier. In order to comply with the amendment requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, applicants hereby request that the following amendment be entered.